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## **Investigation into Child Exploitation Tip Leads to Arrest of Bealeton Man**

**BEALETON** – Deputies initiated an investigation last week after receiving a tip from the Northern Virginia/District of Columbia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) taskforce regarding possible child exploitation in Fauquier County. The investigation resulted in a search warrant at a Bealeton home and the arrest of the suspect on Friday night.

Robert Warren McMeans, Jr, 46, of Bealeton, was taken into custody Friday night September 28, 2018, during a traffic stop in the Bealeton area. He has been charged with 3 counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor after the investigation alleged McMeans was meeting a minor female to engage in sexual activity. He is also charged with 3 felonies for 1 count of possession with the intent to distribute marijuana and 2 counts of distributing marijuana to a minor. It is alleged McMeans also provided marijuana to the minor female. McMeans apparently met the female online and cultivated her through social media.

A search warrant executed Friday night at McMeans' Bealeton residence recovered a significant amount of marijuana from the home and a vehicle. The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office is a participating member of the ICAC taskforce.

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